

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 811 was a bill that was brought to the Legislature by Senator Barrett. Senator Vickers has also co-sponsored that measure. (Read.) The bill was sent to the Business and Labor Committee for hearing. It was advanced to General File. At this time, Mr. President, I do not have any pending amendments. I am, however, anticipating a kill motion to be filed on the bill. (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Mr. President, Mr. Clerk, members of the Legislature, I'm pleased to be able to share with the Legislature this morning the beauty, sometimes referred to as LB 811. This is a little bill that has already received some notoriety. It is a bill which essentially changes the name of the Workmen's Compensation Court to Workers Compensation Court. It is a pussycat. The bill also clarifies some internal references, and it simply provides that Chapter 48, Article I shall be known as the Nebraska Workers Compensation Act. In doing a little research we have determined that only nine states in our Union still refer to Workmen's Compensation. So we are trying to simply adjust in Nebraska to the more appropriate Workers Compensation Court, and also an attempt, Mr. President, to recognize that women form a considerable segment of our labor force. I would heartily recommend that the Legislature advance 811 to E & R Initial. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, rise to support LB 811. This is long overdue. We need to clarify our statutes.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak on the advancement of 811?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, just a quick question of Senator Barrett. Senator Barrett, you said this very modest bill does two very small things, what, changes the word "workmen" to "workers", and I certainly understand that in light of, well in light of, yeah. And then...

PRESIDENT: Gender.